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SOURCE WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (B) FROM CLOSE CONFIDANT OF ERHARD IN ECONOMICS MINISTRY (F)

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<b>TDCS</b> DATE DISTR. _____ COUNTRY WEST GERMANY SUBJECT ERHARD'S CABINET PLANS		NOFORN PRECEDENCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE PLACE ASSIGNED GERMANY, FRANKFURT (15 APRIL 1959) Signature _____	
DATE OF INFORMATION 14 APRIL 1959 APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE) 3 SOURCE EVALUATION (DEFINITIVE) WESTERN BUSINESSMAN (B) FROM CLOSE CONFIDANT OF ERHARD IN ECONOMICS MINISTRY (F)		REFERENCES	
<p>1. <u>LUDWIG ERHARD</u> CERTAIN HE WILL BE NEXT CHANCELLOR, WILL REFUSE TO SERVE AS ECONOMICS MINISTER UNDER ANY OTHER CHANCELLOR, SEEMS TO THINK MAIN PROBLEM TO FIND REPLACEMENT AS ECONOMICS MINISTER. ERHARD OPPOSED TO FRANZ ETZEL FOR THIS POST ON GROUND ETZEL IS CONSIDERED BIG BUSINESS MAN, WOULD LIKE STATE SECRETARY LUDGER WESTRICK AS MINISTER BUT FEARS TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE WESTRICK CIVIL SERVANT.</p> <p>2. ERHARD FEELS POLITICAL SITUATION IMPOSES CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON CABINET RE-ARRANGEMENT SO THAT AT LEAST UNTIL 1961 HEINRICH VON BREITENBACH WOULD STAY FOREIGN MINISTER.</p> <p>3. FIELD DISSEM: STATE, ARMY, AIR.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">END OF MESSAGE</p>			
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